



2008 Blue Raider Soccer



Next Matches: Vanderbilt - Friday, Belmont - Sunday

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This week in Middle Tennessee soccer...

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				Home match  Vanderbilt Time: 6:30 PM		Home match  Belmont Time: 1 PM

News & Notes

VANDERBILT COMMODORES: Middle Tennessee and Vanderbilt are meeting for just the third time in school history. The last meeting occurred on September 17, 2006 when the Commodores defeated the Blue Raiders 4-3 in double overtime in Nashville, Tenn. Vanderbilt opened their season last weekend with a win against Sunday's opponent Belmont. They outshot the Bruins 41-6, but it took 103 minutes before the Commodores finally scored, off a deflected shot by Catherine Wern from three yards out. Wern won the Southeastern Conference Offensive Player of the Week award for her efforts. The Ronnie Coveleskie-led Gamecocks return seven of their 11 starters and 17 players overall from last year's squad that finished 6-10-3.

BELMONT BRUINS: The Blue Raiders and Belmont meet for the tenth time, with Middle Tennessee holding a 6-3 advantage. The two teams last matched up on September 2, 2007 with the Bruins winning 1-0. The loss halted the Middle Tennessee's streak of four straight wins over Belmont. Belmont began the season with a 2-1 win over Murray State last Friday before being edged by Vanderbilt two days later. Junior Annie Musacchio and freshman Sari Lin won the Atlantic Sun Conference Offensive and Defensive Player of the Weeks Awards for their performances in the two matches. The Bruins return 15 players, including seven starters, from a squad that finished with an impressive 13-6-3 record in 2007.

THRELKELD RECOGNIZED: Junior forward Jennifer Threlkeld was selected to the Preseason All-Sun Belt Conference squad for the first time in her career after finishing the 2008 as one of the top players in the conference. The talented forward led the team and ranked fifth in the Sun Belt Conference in goals (9) in 17 matches played. She also picked up numerous national and conference accolades including being named to the Soccer Buzz National Elite Team of the Week as well as being honored as the Sun Belt Player of the Week on September 11. The Carrollton, Texas native ranks among the top 10 all-time in school history for points, goals and assists entering just her third season.

CASIPLE ONE OF NATION'S BEST: Sophomore goalkeeper Kela Casiple finished 2007 as one of

Match Facts

Next Match: Vanderbilt at Blue Raiders
Location: Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Blue Raider Field)
Series history: Vanderbilt leads 2-0
Last meeting: L, 4-3 (20T)

2008 Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
A. 16	Austin Peay (Exhibition)	W, 3-1
A. 23	at Jacksonville State	T, 1-1
A. 29	Vanderbilt	6:30 PM
A. 31	Belmont	1 PM
S. 5	Texas Tech#	6:30 PM
S. 7	High Point#	1:30 PM
S. 12	at Tulsa^	7 PM
S. 14	vs. Oral Roberts^	11 AM
S. 19	Ole Miss	6:30 PM
S. 26	at Florida International*	6 PM
S. 28	at Florida Atlantic*	11 AM
O. 3	Troy*	6:30 PM
O. 5	South Alabama*	1 PM
O. 10	at Arkansas State*	4 PM
O. 12	at Arkansas-Little Rock*	1 PM
O. 17	Louisiana-Monroe*	6:30 PM
O. 19	Louisiana-Lafayette*	1 PM
O. 24	at North Texas*	7 PM
O. 26	at Denver*	1 PM
O. 31	Western Kentucky*	6 PM
N. 5-8	Sun Belt Tournament	TBD

- MT Classic (Murfreesboro, Tenn.)

^ - Tulsa Soccer Classic (Tulsa, Okla.)

* - Sun Belt Conference match

All matches listed in Central Time Zone

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the nation's best netminders despite being in just her first year of collegiate play. The Miami, Fla. native ranked second in the nation in save percentage (0.896) and 12th in goals-against average (0.521).

THE MIX: Middle Tennessee soccer is poised for a breakout season as the return of key veterans coupled with one of the largest recruiting classes in program history has the Blue Raiders full of strong expectations. The squad returns 15 players from last year but despite the high number, only seven players have three years or more experience at Blue Raider Field. MT welcomes 12 new faces into the fold.

HOME COOKING: Middle Tennessee enjoys one of their most competitive home schedules in program history this season, including taking on local rival and Southeastern Conference foe Vanderbilt to open the home slate on August 29. The Blue Raiders also play host to Texas Tech and Ole Miss at Blue Raider Field in 2008.

RAIDERS PICKED FOURTH: Middle Tennessee received 109 points for fourth place in the 2008 Preseason Coaches Poll. Two-time defending conference tournament champion Denver received nine first-place votes and 141 points overall to lead the balloting. North Texas, voted second in the poll, received the other two top votes.

RHODEN'S TAKE: "It is great to know where your peers have voted you to finish within the conference and we will strive to exceed everyone's expectations during the coming season"

DEPTH IN GOAL: Goalkeeping is one of the most important positions on the soccer field and it is one that the Blue Raiders have no need to worry about during the coming season. They return two talented goalkeepers in Kela Casiple and Erynn Muray, both whom have acquitted themselves well during the preseason.

THE BACKLINE: Veterans Nenita Burgess and Elise Hutter will look to lead a young, but talented back line, along with sophomores Fran Howells, Bethany Bertovic, Emily Snowdon and Emily Harris. Newcomers Jenna Bowers, Elisabeth Sikes, Jessica Heckman, and Charity Blair will make this a very competitive group as all are expected to challenge for a starting position.

MIDDLE OF THE PARK: The midfielders will be young but versatile this season. With a group

Blue Raider Quickfacts

Location	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	Head Coach	Aston Rhoden
Founded	1911	Record at MT/Year	73-38/6th year
Enrollment	23,246	Career Record	112-88-13/11th year
Nickname	Blue Raiders	Assistant Coach	Dr. Adam Sayers
Colors	Royal Blue & White	Graduate Assistant	Debs Brereton
Mascot	Lightning	2007 Record	10-6-4/7-2-2 SBC
Conference	Sun Belt	Secretary	Roxanne Forth
Affiliation	NCAA Division I	Ath. Communications Head	Mark Owens
Field	Blue Raider Field	Ath. Communication Contact	David Powell
President	Dr. Sidney A. McPhee	Athletic Trainer	Katie Mellen
Faculty Representative	Terry Whiteside	Student Assistant	William Keene
Director of Athletics	Chris Massaro	Athletics Phone	(615) 904-2450

Sun Belt Notes

2008 PRESEASON CONFERENCE POLL

1. Denver (9) 141
2. North Texas (2) 128
3. Western Kentucky 115
- 4. Middle Tennessee 109**
5. Florida Atlantic 97
6. Louisiana-Lafayette 78
7. South Alabama 69
8. UALR 53
9. FIU 52
10. Louisiana-Monroe 37
11. Arkansas State 33
12. Troy 22

2008 PRESEASON ALL-SUN BELT CONFERENCE

Forward

- Kelli Jestes (ULL, So.)
 Callie Oliver (ULL, Sr.)
Jen Threlkeld (MT, Jr.)
 Brittany Cleveland (NT, Sr.)
 Tiara Smith (USA, Jr.)

Midfield

- Lizzy Carlson (DU, Jr.)
 Taryn Hemmings (DU, Sr.)
 Kendall Juett (NT, So.)

Defense

- Jessi Keller (DU, Sr.)
 Janeke Simpkins (FAU, Sr.)
 Morgan Thomas (WKU, Jr.)

Goalkeeper

- Mackenzie Snyder (DU, Jr.)

PRESEASON PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Kendall Juett (NT, So.)

SUN BELT PLAYER OF THE WEEK (8/25-8/31)

Mariah Johnston (DU, Jr.)

Sun Belt Standings

SUN BELT CONFERENCE

August 29

TEAM	CONFERENCE	OVERALL
Denver	0-0-0 .000	2-0-0 1.000
Arkansas State	0-0-0 .000	1-0-0 1.000
Troy	0-0-0 .000	1-0-0 1.000
Western Kentucky	0-0-0 .000	1-1-0 .500
Middle Tennessee	0-0-0 .000	0-0-1 .500
Louisiana-Monroe	0-0-0 .000	0-0-0 .000
North Texas	0-0-0 .000	0-0-0 .000
South Alabama	0-0-0 .000	0-0-0 .000
Florida Atlantic	0-0-0 .000	0-1-0 .000
Florida International	0-0-0 .000	0-1-0 .000
Louisiana-Lafayette	0-0-0 .000	0-1-0 .000
UALR	0-0-0 .000	0-2-0 .000

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of seasoned veterans and a wealth of new talent, the Blue Raiders will be able to rely on the tremendous depth at the position. Sophomores Jaimee Cooper, Vanessa Mueggler and Sarah Beth Lee return as key members of the midfield, while incoming freshmen Laura Lamberth, Heather McDonnell, and Hope Suominen will make the midfield position even more competitive and versatile.

LOOKING FORWARD: The forward position has been totally revamped and should be one of the most competitive coming into the season. Returnees Jen Threlkeld, Kelly Downs, Kim Farrant, and Caitlin Reeves will be joined by newcomers Luisa Moscoso, Shan Jones, Heather McDonnell, Ashli Julien, Lynsey Carrier and Alyssa Palmacci to form a talented group of offensive players.

Broadcast Schedule

Saturday, Aug. 23 at Jacksonville State 6:30 PM (Audio)
 Friday, Aug. 29 Vanderbilt 6:30 PM (Audio/Video)
 Sunday, Aug. 31 Belmont 1 PM (Audio/Video)
 Friday, Sept. 5 Texas Tech 6:30 PM (Audio)
 Sunday, Sept. 7 High Point 1:30 PM (Audio/Video)
 Friday, Sept. 19 Ole Miss 6:30 PM (Audio)
 Friday, Oct. 3 Troy 6:30 PM (Audio/Video)
 Sunday, Oct. 5 South Alabama 1 PM (Audio/Video)
 Friday, Oct. 10 at Arkansas State 4 PM (Audio)
 Sunday, Oct. 12 at UALR 1 PM (Audio)
 Friday, Oct. 17 Louisiana-Monroe 6:30 PM (Audio/Video)
 Sunday, Oct. 19 Louisiana-Lafayette 1 PM (Audio)
 Friday, Oct. 31 Western Kentucky 6 PM (Audio/Video)
 Nov. 5-8, Sun Belt Conference TBA (Audio/Video)

Stats Corner

#	NAME	GP-GS	G	A	PTS	SH	SHOT%	SOG	SOG%	YC-RC	GW	PK-ATT	FG
8	Mueggler, Vanessa	1-0	1	0	2	8	.125	4	.500	0-0	0	0-0	1
10	Jones, Shan	1-1	0	1	1	4	.000	2	.500	0-0	0	0-0	0
4	Suominen, Hope	1-1	0	0	0	3	.000	2	.667	0-0	0	0-0	0
5	Howells, Francesca	1-1	0	0	0	2	.000	1	.500	0-0	0	0-0	0
2	Lamberth, Laura	1-0	0	0	0	2	.000	1	.500	0-0	0	0-0	0
13	Bertovic, Bethany	1-1	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	1-0	0	0-0	0
18	Burgess, Nenita	1-1	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0	0
12	Downs, Kelly	1-0	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0	0
20	Reeves, Caitlin	1-1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0	0
6	Threlkeld, Jennifer	1-1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0	0
7	Cooper, Jaimee	1-1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0	0
11	Farrant, Kimberly	1-1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0	0
9	McDonnell, Heather	1-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0	0
3	Hutter, Elizabeth	1-1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0	0

#	NAME	GP-GS	MINUTES	GA	AVG	SAVES	PCT	W	L	T	SHO	FACED
1	Murray, Erynn	1-1	110:00	1	0.82	3	.750	0	0	1	0	17

SHOTS BY PERIOD	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Middle Tennessee	9	8	3	2	22
Opponents	4	6	3	4	17

SAVES BY PERIOD	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Middle Tennessee	1	0	1	1	3
Opponents	2	6	1	1	10

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2008 Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.-Exp.	Hometown/High School (Last School)
0	Kela Casiple	GK	5-8	SO-1L	Miami, Fla. (Palmer Trinity HS)
1	Erynn Murray	GK	5-9	JR-2L	Kernersville, N.C. (R.J. Reynolds HS)
2	Laura Lamberth	MF	5-8	FR-HS	White House, Tenn. (Goodpasture Christian HS)
3	Elise Hutter	D	5-5	SR-3L	Miamisburg, Ohio (Miamisburg HS)
4	Hope Suominen	MF	5-3	FR-HS	Pontypridd, Wales (Oakland College)
5	Fran Howells	D	5-10	SO-1L	Swansea, South Wales (Oakland College)
6	Jen Threlkeld	F	5-6	JR-2L	Carrollton, Texas (Newman HS)
7	Jaimee Cooper	MF	5-4	SO-1L	Hixson, Tenn. (Notre Dame HS)
8	Vanessa Mueggler	MF	5-5	SO-1L	Pincourt, Quebec (John Rennie HS)
9	Heather McDonnell	MF/F	5-5	FR-HS	Bedfordshire, England (Vandyke Upper Secondary)
10	Shan Jones	F	5-4	FR-HS	Y Felinheli, Wales (Sir Hugh Owen School)
11	Kim Farrant	F	5-5	SR-2L	San Diego, Calif. (San Diego Mesa College)
12	Kelly Downs	F	5-6	SO-1L	Hixson, Tenn. (Soddy Daisy HS)
13	Bethany Bertovic	D	5-2	SO-1L	Birmingham, Ala. (Oak Mountain HS)
14	Emily Snowdon	D	5-5	SO-1L	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Air Academy)
15	Ashli Julien	MF/F	5-6	FR-HS	Columbus, Ga. (Hardaway HS)
16	Jessica Heckman	D	5-5	FR-HS	Overland Park, Kan. (St. Thomas Aquinas HS)
17	Emily Harris	D/MF	5-3	SO-1L	Knoxville, Tenn. (Farragut HS)
18	Nenita Burgess	D	5-3	SR-3L	Adelaide, Australia (Cardijn College)
19	Sarah Beth Lee	MF	5-8	JR-2L	Waynesville, N.C. (Tuscola HS)
20	Caitlin Reeves	D/F	5-7	SR-3L	McKinney, Texas (McKinney HS)
21	Lynsey Carrier	D/F	5-6	FR-HS	LaPorte, Texas (LaPorte HS)
22	Elisabeth Sikes	D	5-6	FR-HS	Huntsville, Ala. (Grissom HS)
23	Jenna Bowers	D	5-7	FR-HS	Chandler, Ariz. (Seton Catholic HS)
24	Charity Blair	D	5-5	FR-HS	Chattanooga, Tenn. (Girls Preparatory School)
25	Luisa Moscoso	MF/F	5-6	FR-HS	Bogota, Columbia (St. Thomas Aquinas)
26	Alyssa Palmacci	F	5-4	FR-HS	Plano, Texas (Prestonwood Christian Academy)

Head Coach: Aston Rhoden

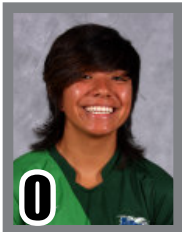
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Media Roster



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GK, 5-8, SO-1L
Miami, Fla.



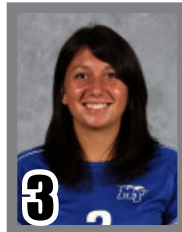
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Swansea, Wales



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Jen Thelkeld
F, 5-6, JR-2L
Carrollton, Texas



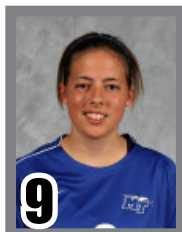
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LaPorte, Texas



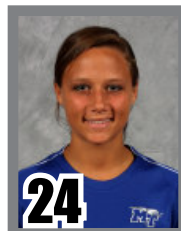
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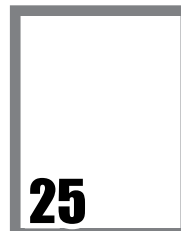
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